

Saturday, August 29, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate met briefly.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 17340-17344

Bill Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows:
S. 2618. Page 17341

Century 21 Exposition: Senate adopted conference report on H.R. 8374, relating to the Century 21 Exposition, to be held in Seattle in 1961 and 1962. Page 17340

Lake Michigan Water: H.R. 1, Lake Michigan water diversion, was briefly debated. Pages 17344-17345

Adjournment: Adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, August 31, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Monday, August 31, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared for White House bill continuing appropriations.

Senate cleared for White House bill on Spokane Valley project and continued on Lake Michigan water bill.

House passed 45 miscellaneous bills and received public works veto message.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 17346-17376

Bills Introduced: 8 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2619-2626; and S. Res. 182-184. Pages 17348-17349

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1502, providing a 10-percent increase in annuities of retired Foreign Service officers and their survivors, with amendment (S. Rept. 837);

S. Res. 182, referring S. 2496, a private bill, to Court of Claims (S. Rept. 838);

S. 1696, 1822, 2129, and 2319, private bills (S. Repts. 839-842);

S. 2347, authorization of acquisition of land in the vicinity of Federal prisons for health or safety purposes (S. Rept. 843);

S. 2321, 231, H.R. 1665, and 2946, private bills (S. Repts. 844-847);

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H.R. 2978, to permit additional peremptory challenges in civil cases to multiple plaintiffs, with amendment (S. Rept. 848); and

H.R. 3801, 3816, 4134, 5873, 7745, and 8277, private bills (S. Repts. 849-854). Page 17348

Temporary Appropriations: Senate took from desk and passed without amendment (clearing for President) H.J. Res. 510, continuing temporary appropriations until September 30, pending enactment of certain regular appropriation bills. Page 17347

Spokane Valley Project: S. 994, authorizing construction of the Spokane Valley project, Washington and Idaho, was cleared for President's signature when Senate adopted conference report thereon. Page 17396

Century 21 Exposition: By unanimous consent, the name of Representative Fulton was authorized to be added to the conference report on H.R. 8374, relating to the Century 21 Exposition, to be held in Seattle in 1961 and 1962. Page 17352

Lake Michigan Water: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1, Lake Michigan water diversion, taking the following actions on motions and amendments thereto:

Adopted: Fulbright amendment to Case (South Dakota) motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions to report it back not later than April 1, 1960 (the Case motion would have required report back by January 15, 1960); and

Rejected: By 38 yeas to 42 nays, Mansfield motion to table Case (South Dakota) motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions to report it back not later than January 15, 1960 (motion to reconsider tabled); and by 41 yeas to 46 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), amended Case (South Dakota) motion to refer the bill to Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions to report it back not later than January 15, 1960.

Pending at recess was question on adoption of first committee amendment.

Pages 17376-17381, 17384, 17385-17389, 17391-17395, 17396

Recess: Recessed at 5:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MINERALS POLICY

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1537, H. Con. Res. 177, S.J. Res. 107, S. Con. Res. 63, measures to establish a national

mining and minerals policy, with testimony from Royce A. Hardy, Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Minerals Resources).

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the nominations of Walter A. Gordon, of California, to be judge of the U.S. District Court for the Virgin Islands; Carl A. Weinman, to be U.S. district judge for the southern district of Ohio; Gordon E. Young, to be U.S. district judge for the eastern district of Arkansas; and J. Smith Henley, to be U.S. district judge for the eastern and western districts of Arkansas; H.R. 2978, to permit the court to allow additional peremptory challenges in civil cases to multiple plaintiffs; H.R. 8461, to extend the life of the Commission and Advisory Committee on International Rules of Judicial Procedure; H.J. Res. 403, granting consent of Congress to an interstate compact creating the New York-New Jersey Transportation Agency; and S. 2347, authorizing acquisition of land in the vicinity of Federal prisons for health or safety purposes; ten private immigration bills (S. 231, 1696, 1822, 2129, 2319, 2321, H.R. 1665, 2946, 3801, and 3816); and six private claims bills (S. 2496, H.R. 4134, 5873, 7225, 7745, and 8277).

Committee indefinitely postponed further action on three private immigration bills (S. 820, 2067, and 2214); and eight private claims bills (S. 1107, 1656, 1726, 2049, H.R. 1517, 2280, 6273, and 7038).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 8946-8985; 7 private bills, H.R. 8986-8992; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 512-514, and H. Res. 367 and 368, were introduced.

Pages 17453-17454

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

Disposition of executive papers (H. Repts. 1075 and 1076);

S. 1973, to extend the validity of the passport to 3 years (H. Rept. 1077);

H.R. 5054, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 with respect to the marking of imported articles and containers (H. Rept. 1078);

H.R. 5920, to amend the Social Security Act relative to recomputation of social security coverage (H. Rept. 1079);

H.R. 6132, relating to the rate of tax on the issuance of shares or certificates of stock by regulated investment companies (H. Rept. 1080);

H.R. 6785, to fix a tax of 1 cent per pound on certain laminated tires produced from used tires (H. Rept. 1081);

H.R. 7947, relating to the income-tax treatment of nonrefundable capital contributions to Federal National Mortgage Association (H. Rept. 1082);

H.R. 8578, to permit cutting of hay from soil bank land, amended (H. Rept. 1083);

S.J. Res. 25, to change the name of Roosevelt Dam, Reservoir, and powerplant in Arizona to Theodore Roosevelt Dam, Lake, and powerplant (H. Rept. 1084);

H. Con. Res. 393, to promote peace through the reduction of armaments (H. Rept. 1085);

Report of the Committee on Science and Astronautics entitled "The First Soviet Moon Rocket" (H. Rept. 1086);

Report of the Committee on Science and Astronautics entitled "Space Propulsion" (H. Rept. 1087);

Three private bills, S. 1149, 1891, and 252 (H. Repts. 1088-1090, respectively);

S. 2220, Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Personnel Act of 1959 (H. Rept. 1091); and

Eleven private bills, H.R. 1540, 4546, 4965, 6712, 6885, 7260, 7932, 7935, 8110, 8801, and H. Res. 266 (H. Repts. 1092-1102, respectively).

Pages 17452-17453

Temporary Appropriations: By a voice vote the House passed H.J. Res. 510, continuing temporary appropriations through September 30 pending enactment of certain regular appropriation bills. Page 17397

President's Veto Message—Public Works: Received and read a veto message from the President on H.R. 7509, fiscal 1960 appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. The message was ordered printed and further action on the veto message was deferred to Wednesday. Page 17398

Printing: Adopted H. Res. 356, to authorize the printing of additional copies of the joint committee print entitled "Summary-Analysis of Hearings on Biological and Environmental Effects of Nuclear War." Page 17398

Seamen's Wages: Adopted the conference report on S. 1958, to clarify types of arrestment prohibited with respect to wages of U.S. seamen, and sent the legislation to the Senate. Pages 17401-17402

Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for the President:

River basin study commission: S. 300, providing for appointment of a study commission of separate representatives for the Guadalupe and San Antonio River Basins, and of a representative of the Texas Board of Water Engineers;

Indians: S. 417 (in lieu of H.R. 3144), placing in trust status certain lands on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North and South Dakota;

Louisiana streams: S. 551, to declare portions of Bayous Terrebonne and LeCarpe, La., to be nonnavigable streams;

Oregon reclamation: S. 1221 (in lieu of H.R. 4952), to increase the capacity of certain project features for future irrigation of additional lands in Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Oregon;

Lincoln's birthplace: S. 1448 (in lieu of H.R. 5764), relating to Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, Hodgenville, Ky.;

Iowa land conveyance: S. 1453, conveyance of land to Keosauqua;

Tennessee lands: S. 1521, relating to use of Cumberland County, Tenn., lands;

Parole credit: S. 1645, to amend the U.S. Code relative to computation of good time allowances for prisoners;

Offenses against U.S.: S. 1647, relative to penitentiary imprisonment resulting from offenses against the U.S. or by court martial;

Customs Court: S. 1947, relating to the Customs Court to appoint employees;

Vessel construction: S. 2013, extending the time for commitment of vessel construction reserve funds;

Indians: S. 2029 (in lieu of H.R. 6790), authorizing a per capita distribution of funds arising from a judgment in favor of the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians in the State of Oregon;

Sea safety: S. 2118, authorizing the Coast Guard to prescribe regulations covering lifesaving and other safety equipment;

Veterans—World War II: S. 2334, transferral of functions respecting World War II insurance benefits and disability payments for seamen;

Indians: S. 2339 (in lieu of H.R. 8317), amending the law relating to the distribution of the funds of the Creek Tribe;

Indians: S. 2421 (in lieu of H.R. 8501), to amend the Klamath Termination Act relative to acquisition date of Klamath Marsh; and

Indians: S. 2435 (in lieu of H.R. 8344), relating to funds transfer to the Ute Mountain Tribe, Colorado.

Resolution adopted without amendment:

Private claim bill: H. Res. 309, providing for sending the bill (H.R. 4583) for the relief of the county of Cuyahoga, Ohio, with accompanying papers, to the Court of Claims.

Sent to the Senate without amendment:

Veterans—deafness: H.R. 268, providing additional compensation for veterans having service-incurred disability of deafness of both ears;

Wheat acreage: H.R. 4874, relating to wheat acreage history;

Utah land conveyance: H.R. 5270, conveying certain lands located in Salt Lake County, Utah;

Foreign agents registration: H.R. 6817, to amend sections 1 and 3 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938;

Indians: H.R. 7437, authorizing the use of funds arising from a judgment in favor of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes of Indians of Oklahoma;

Prison land acquisition: H.R. 7571, authorization for the Attorney General to acquire land in vicinity of any Federal penal or correctional institution; and

Indians: H.R. 8514, authorizing the sale of 40 acres of land owned by the Creek Tribe of Indians.

Sent to the Senate amended:

Montana land transfer: S. 53 (in lieu of H.R. 8726), to convey certain lands on the Huntley reclamation project, Montana, to School District No. 24, Huntley project schools, Montana;

Soil bank contracts: S. 2457 (in lieu of H.R. 8043), to amend Agricultural Act of 1956 relative to equity under soil bank contracts;

Mudd memorial: H.J. Res. 80, providing for the erection of a memorial tablet at Garden Key, Fla., in honor of Dr. Samuel Alexander Mudd;

Bi-State Development Agency: H.J. Res. 465, to approve certain additional powers conferred upon Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois;

Indians: H.R. 24, relating to lands in trust for members of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, Nev.;

Veterans disability pensions: H.R. 283, relating to increased compensation for certain service-connected disabled veterans;

California land conveyance: H.R. 2247, authorizing the conveyance of certain real property to Sacramento County, Calif. (by a record vote of 205 yeas to 94 nays the bill was ordered engrossed and read the third time);

Alabama land conveyance: H.R. 2386, to convey to the city of Mobile, Ala., all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain land;

Minnesota land lease: H.R. 2449, relating to leasing of a portion of Twin Cities Arsenal, Minn., to Independent School District No. 16, of Minnesota;

Surplus property donations: H.R. 3722, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to permit donations of surplus property to volunteer firefighting organizations;

Lighthouse Service: H.R. 5431, to provide a further increase in the retired pay of certain members of the former Lighthouse Service;

Wabash Valley Compact: H.R. 5711, granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Wabash Valley Compact;

Arkansas Post National Memorial: H.R. 6108, establishing the Arkansas Post National Memorial, Ark.;

Indians: H.R. 6128, providing for the division of the tribal assets of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina among the members of the tribe;

Louisiana educational lands: H.R. 6669, relating to use of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College lands; and

Missouri property lease: H.R. 8315, directing the Secretary of the Army to lease without consideration certain property in Missouri for school purposes.

Bills not considered:

Passed over without prejudice: H.J. Res. 441, H.R. 57, 766, 2565, 6672, 7045, 7379, 8074, and 8591.

Objected to: S. 107 and H.R. 5571.

Pages 17402-17416, 17417-17426

Unanimous-Consent Passages: Pursuant to unanimous-consent requests the following bills were called up, considered, and passed:

Boating safety: H.R. 8728, to amend the Federal Boating Act of 1958 to extend the effective date of certain provisions of the act (amended);

Flood prevention: H.R. 4781, to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to provide that its loan provisions shall be applicable to certain other projects; and

Vessel sales: H.R. 8042, to authorize the sale of two vessels to the Government of the Republic of China (amended).

Pages 17426, 17427-17428

Private Resolutions: H.J. Res. 406, 444, and 445, private resolutions, were cleared for Presidential action by House agreement to Senate amendments thereto.

Pages 17428-17429

Spokane Valley Reclamation: Adopted the conference report on S. 994, to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Spokane Valley project, Washington and Idaho, under Federal reclamation laws, and sent the legislation to the Senate. Page 17429

Coal Research: H.R. 6596, to encourage and stimulate the production and conservation of coal in the United States through research and development by creating a Coal Research and Development Commission; was cleared for Presidential consideration by House adoption of conference report thereon. Pages 17429-17430

Bills Referred: Two Senate-passed bills were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Page 17452

Adjournment: Adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

D.C. LEGISLATION

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee No. 2 ordered favorably reported to the full committee H.R. 6123 (amended), to amend the law relating to indecent publications and gambling in the District of Columbia. Also held hearing but took no action on H.R. 3855, for the licensing of public adjusters in the District of Columbia.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS MISCELLANY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H. Con. Res. 393, to promote peace through the reduction of armaments;

H.J. Res. 496, to invite foreign countries to participate in a world's fair, New York, 1964;

S. 252, a private bill;

S. 1973, to extend the validity of the passport to 3 years;

H.R. 8582, to construct and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Los Indios, Tex.;

H.R. 8694, to construct and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande, at or near Rio Grande City, Tex.;

H.R. 8911, to provide for the presentation by the United States of a statue of Gen. George Washington to the people of Uruguay; and

H.J. Res. 511 (amended), to amend the joint resolution providing for membership and participation by the United States in the Inter-American Children's Institute.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations heard testimony from Agriculture Department officials with respect to cotton transactions of the Commodity Credit Corporation. Hearings adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Conferees met in executive session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 8575, fiscal 1960 appropriations for military construction, but did not reach final agreement, and will meet again tomorrow.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT REFORM LEGISLATION

Conferees continued, in executive session, to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1555, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, but did not conclude their work, and will meet again tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 213, relative to providing social security coverage for nonprofessional school district employees. The conferees agreed to accept the Senate-passed version of this bill.

TAXATION

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2524, to prevent, under certain conditions, States from imposing on a person a net income tax on income derived from interstate commerce. The conferees agreed to accept the Senate version of title I of the bill, with minor amendments, and agreed to accept the House language of title II of the bill amended so as to designate the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on the Judiciary as the committees to conduct studies authorized by such title.

TAX REFUNDS

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2906, extending period for filing claims for credit or refund of overpayment of income taxes resulting from renegotiation of Government contracts. The conferees agreed to accept the Senate-passed version of this bill.



Tuesday, September 1, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate adopted conference reports on school employees' social security, income tax refund, and seamen's wages.

Government employees' health insurance and cabaret-tax reduction bills passed by House.

Federal highway bill approved by House committee.

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 17469-17487

Bills Introduced: 3 bills and 2 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2627-2629; S. Con. Res. 75; and S. Res. 185.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 7225, a private bill (S. Rept. 855);

H.R. 8461, to extend the life of the Commission and Advisory Committee on International Rules of Judicial Procedure (S. Rept. 856);

H.R. 4714, to quiet title and possession with respect to certain real property adjacent to Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver (S. Rept. 857);

H.R. 1735, private bill (S. Rept. 858);

H.R. 6781, authorizing acquisition of certain property for inclusion in the Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia (S. Rept. 859);

H.R. 5892, providing for the establishment of the Minuteman National Historical Park, Mass. (S. Rept. 860);

S. 2565, relating to the length of terms on leases of certain Indian lands, with amendment (S. Rept. 861);

S. 2485, authorizing sale of 40 acres of land owned by the Creek Tribe of Indians (S. Rept. 862);

S. 2596, providing for the division of tribal assets of the Catawba Indians of South Carolina among the members of the tribe, with amendment (S. 863);

S. 2085, authorizing the use of funds arising from a judgment in favor of certain Oklahoma Indian tribes (S. Rept. 864);

S. 1352, authorizing enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak., to acquire trust interests in tribal lands, with amendments (S. Rept. 865);